



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

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## 2004 National Monitoring Conference *Building and Sustaining Successful Monitoring Programs* May 17-20 ♦ Chattanooga, Tennessee

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### **Mark Your Calendars NOW!**

*Join us as we explore and share the experiences, expertise, lessons learned, innovations, and strategies that strengthen and sustain both the technical and institutional elements of our monitoring programs. The Chattanooga meeting will be the fourth National Monitoring Conference hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC). Like its predecessors, the 2004 Conference will provide an outstanding opportunity to participate in technical programs and trainings, share successes, discuss issues, and network with our colleagues in the water monitoring community. The conference agenda will include plenary sessions, workshops, paper presentations, posters, exhibits, facilitated discussions, field trips, and informal networking opportunities.*



### **NWQMC and the Framework for Monitoring**

The Council, chartered in 1997, promotes partnerships to foster collaboration, advance the science, and improve management within all elements of the water monitoring community, as well as to heighten public awareness, public involvement, and stewardship of our water resources. The Council has developed a monitoring and assessment framework that describes a sequence of steps that produce and convey the information necessary to understand our water resources. This conference will weave together several themes related to the framework including changing expectations of monitoring, new and emerging technologies, collaborative efforts, data and information comparability, and sharing results and successes.

### **About Chattanooga**

The Conference will be held at the brand-new Chattanooga Convention Center in the heart of town. Rebuilt in 2003, this spectacular facility features modern meeting facilities and exhibit areas, as well as easy walking to revitalized downtown Chattanooga. Free shuttles provide limitless opportunities for arts, entertainment, cultural exhibits, recreational activities, and one of the largest selections of food and dining in the area.

### **More Information**

A call for abstracts will be issued within the next few weeks. If you have additional questions about the conference or would like to be placed on a mailing list for information as it becomes available, contact the 2004 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at [NWQMC2004@tetrattech-ffx.com](mailto:NWQMC2004@tetrattech-ffx.com) or 410-356-8993.

For more information about the Council, visit <http://water.usgs.gov/wicp/acwi/monitoring/>.

